



“What To Do to Improve Your Dog’s Breath!”

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Ooooh, what’s that “stench” you say as your companion animal friend sits next to you panting. All you can smell is his pungent breath in your face as you read the newspaper. The best way to address this problem is to improve his oral hygiene routine.

Take your dog into your vet once a year to have his teeth cleaned. At the same time, have his mouth checked for broken or abscessed teeth. Broken and/or abscessed teeth can lead to a buildup of odor-causing bacteria.

If possible, try brushing your dog’s teeth daily. There are a number of toothpastes out which are formulated for dogs. If you check with your vet, he may be able to prescribe a paste that contains an anti-bacterial ingredient, such as chlorhexidine. You can wrap your finger in a gauze wrap, and then rub the paste on your dog’s teeth. When purchasing bones or animal products for your dog, opt for artificial bones and chews that are labeled completely digestible or even consider those that are enhanced with eucalyptus and other ingredients that will sweeten the breath. Try to avoid animal products that can contain harmful chemicals or break your dogs’ teeth such as rawhides, pig ears, and hooves.

You can obtain breath-freshening products for dogs that come in not only sprays, but supplements from Pet Stores and Vet Offices. Look for labels that include chlorophyll, as this agent helps fight oral bacteria. Alfalfa and wheatgrass are also good sources of chlorophyll.

If you notice persistent bad breath in your companion animal, this can be a symptom of a larger problem, such as periodontal disease, oral cancers, or gastrointestinal and kidney conditions. Be sure to see your

vet if your dog's bad breath returns within a week of a professional cleaning. He will give you his further recommendations.

At Beltrami Humane Society, one of our features this week is “Rudy” who would love to bring a smile to your home. Rudy is a 4 year old purebred, male German Shepherd with registration paperwork. He is neutered, and has been through Obedience Training. He has had his basic kennel vaccinations. He came to our shelter from Illinois as his owner could no longer keep him. He has been trained with underground fencing and therefore, does not leave his yard. He knows many commands and is also a “great watch dog”. He is a dominant dog and would do better as an only dog in a household; however, he does get along fairly well with other dogs (preferably female). He also has been around cats. He prefers his own food dish when eating. He enjoys going out on the trails for long walks or runs. He also enjoys going with his owner to run errands around town or cross country. He is fully housetrained, and has been an indoor dog most of his life. He will need a large yard to exercise in when he goes out to play. He loves toys, especially basketballs.

You can see “Rudy” at 1612 Carr Lake Rd SE, Bemidji, MN. Hours of operation are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 12-5:30 p.m. He can also be seen on our website photo gallery along with our other animals up for adoption at www.beltramihumane.com or on www.petfinder.com. If you have additional questions, feel free to call us at (218) 751-7910. Our “Pets of the Month” are posted at Pamida, catch a few of our pet photos at the ends of the pet aisles in your local Walmart Store or listen to KKBJ Mix 103 (early show) to hear about our “Pet of the Week”.

We would like to thank “Home Depot” along with its store manager, “Jeremy Hayes” for the recent donation of \$250.00 towards fencing and building supplies for the Beltrami Humane Society. Thank you for your support of the animals!

Are you looking for an opportunity to work around animals? Join us June 9th (this Saturday) for Volunteer Training, 1-2 p.m. We are a very busy-working facility, and always appreciate the help and support we get from our community. Our animals welcome not only the “time spent with them”, but the “love and affection” given to them as they wait to go to their new homes.

**Shelter Wishes: Cat Food, Dog Food, Kitten Chow, Puppy Chow,
Laundry Supplies, Animal Foster Home Parents and Spay/Neuter \$\$.**